

Minutes of Budget Committee

The Board of Education Waunakee Community School District

A Budget Committee of the Board of Education of Waunakee Community School District was held Monday, October 6, 2025, beginning at 7:30 AM in the Waunakee Community School District, 905 Bethel Circle, Waunakee, WI 53597.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hetzel called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Heinrichs, Hetzel, Sonne

Also Present: Brown, Summers, Moe

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ADDITIONS

A motion was made by Heinrichs, second by Sonne, to approve the agenda as posted.

Motion carried 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments for this meeting.

V. 2025-2026 PLANNING

A. Timeline

Summers reminded the committee of the tax levy meeting on October 30, 2025, as well as other budget planning dates in October.

B. 2025-26 Tax Levy Options

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the levy options for the 2025-26 school year. Summers explained another option that was prepared by PTMA. Kass, from PTMA and our bond council Quarles & Brady has prepared options that meet legal requirements. After much discussion, the administration will continue to move ahead with tax levy planning that will look similar to the 2nd draft of the budget.

C. Student Count

Summers presented and answered questions regarding the 3rd Friday count in the September report. Our district is now considered a declining enrollment district in the revenue limit formula.

VI. 2026-2027 PLANNING

Summers introduced Miranda Moe, WCSD Director of 4K. Summers then presented and answered questions regarding the 4K program changes starting in 2026-2027. Moe was available to add input and answer questions. Administration has asked the budget committee to meet in November to begin reviewing the 2026–2027 budget scenarios with multiple options for 4K.

VII. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON PROPOSALS

Summers presented and answered questions regarding an update on the district contract with Data Wrangler. The committee had questions regarding the calculation of energy savings.

VIII. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Summers shared a presentation that was provided at the WASBO fall conference and will be shared at the ASBO national conference. The presentation is regarding clean energy incentives. Summers shared information and answered questions regarding solar and geo thermo in our newest buildings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -NA

IX. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Hetzel, second by Sonne, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31am. Motion carried 3-0.